

US History File Folder Project

Description: You will choose a topic in US History (from Pre-Columbian America to 1877) or a famous American and create a file folder tri-fold display chronicling important information related to your topic. The information should answer the questions: **Who? What? When? Where? Why? How? What was the historical significance? And what other details tell the story of your topic?**

Additionally, the information should be presented in a visually appealing manner. It should include at least **one map** and **multiple pictures** and **text boxes**. It is not necessary for anything to be printed in color, but you must **include color** on your display. Please see the sample posted on HW hotline and displayed in the classroom for inspiration on how to include color while still printing in black & white. You must **cover** the front, back, and inside of the file folder tri-fold, but may not add additional space beyond your one folder.

You must also include a work cited page on a separate sheet of paper, using MLA format.

Topics: (If you have a strong interest in a topic not listed that falls under the category of US History within the timeframe above, you may request special permission from Mrs. Adams.)

Native American Culture (in general, or a specific tribe)	The California Gold Rush	Frederick Douglass
	Transcontinental Railroad	Sojourner Truth
Exploration (in general, or a specific explorer)	Industrial Revolution	Harriet Tubman
	Slavery in America	Susan B. Anthony
Jamestown Settlement	The Civil War	Elizabeth Cady Stanton
Pilgrims	George Washington	Lucretia Mott
Puritans	Martha Washington	Clara Barton
Salem Witch Trials	Ben Franklin	Jefferson Davis
Life in the English Colonies	Sam Adams	Robert E. Lee
The French & Indian War	Patrick Henry	Ulysses Grant
Events Leading to the Revolutionary War	Henry Clay	Pontiac
The Declaration of Independence	Thomas Jefferson	Sequoya
	Alexander Hamilton	Squanto
The Articles of Confederation	Betsy Ross	Harriet Beecher Stowe
	Paul Revere	John Sutter
Shay's Rebellion	Thomas Paine	Eli Whitney
The US Constitution	James Madison	William Lloyd Garrison
The Whiskey Rebellion	Dolly Madison	Abolitionist Movements
War of 1812	Abraham Lincoln	Women's Suffrage
Trail of Tears	Mary Todd Lincoln	Underground Railroad

Scoring: “How do I get a 7 or 8?”

IB Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Communicates information and ideas effectively by using a style that is consistently appropriate to the audience, purpose, and format<ul style="list-style-type: none">Title or topic is clearly displayedInformation is displayed on the file folder in a visually appealing mannerColor is incorporated into the displayInformation covers the front, back, and inside of the folder with minimal “empty space”Includes at least one mapIncludes multiple pictures and text boxesConsistently documents sources of information in MLA format, typed, on a separate sheet of paper
IB Knowing and Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Uses a wide range of terminology (content vocabulary and academic vocabulary) accurately and appropriatelyDemonstrates detailed knowledge and understanding of content and concepts through developed and accurate descriptions, explanations, and examples<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information answers basic information of who, what, when, where, why and how (DO NOT label those questions in your folder, but your information should address those basic questions)Include information to reveal the historical significance of the topicAdequate details are included to tell the story of your topic
Historical Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Student uses a variety of Primary and/or Secondary Sources (independent research) and will describe historical events and conditions, and will analyze the perspective and contribution of different individuals or groups.

Date Assigned: Monday, March 24

Date Due: Monday, April 14

Audience/Purpose: Projects will be displayed on Social Studies Night, which is currently scheduled for Thursday, April 17, more details about the event to be announced at a later date.

Topic Sign-Up Sheet: Each class will participate in a lottery system to sign up for a topic to ensure a variety of topics completed.